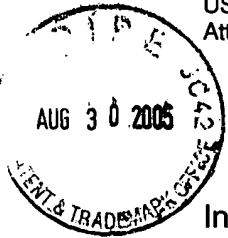


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005, Paper Number Mail Date 20050613. Please amend the application as indicated below, consistent with the instructions found attached hereto: